

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 Mar 2007. It was the 222nd regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Chair	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Chair
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM James W. Harris
COL James E. Hyers	CSM William Jolley
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster
LTC Clarence R. Collins	SFC Joseph N. Barnes
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	1SG John J. McCracken (USAF)

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL William E. Crouch	LTC James R. Mellish
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	1SG Jackie Ray
SFC Bennett J. Jergenson	

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Michael Kaminski, USAAMC CDR	COL William Larese Garrison CDR
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO	Mrs. Deborah L. Seimer, DHR/AG
Mr. George W. Steuber, Dep. Garrison CDR	Mr. Tim Laster, DMWR
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary	

2. COL Bunting called the meeting to order at 1140.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business - Select a guest speaker to invite to the 2007 RAD.
5. Committee Reports.
 - a. Public Affairs - No Report.
 - b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported the Veterans Disability Commission heard Military Coalition testimony on SBP inequities and discussed recommendations for

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certain disability claims issues. Top service medial officers expressed their frustration with the DOD health budgeting process at a 20 Feb hearing before the Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care.

c. Health Care - CSM Harris asked that the Council reaffirm its support to move the VA Clinic from Dothan to Lyster Army Health Clinic. COL Kaminski added that a TV crew would be at the Clinic this week to do a story on that move. He asked any council member with the time to come by and put in a word supporting the move.

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes asked that council members RSVP NLT 9 Mar for the 26 Mar Volunteer Ceremony at the Aviators' Landing.

e. Consolidated Club System - The Club did well in the month of January. DMWR is soliciting suggestions for naming the room located just off of the Dawn Patrol Lounge. 31 Mar will be the last Prime Rib night.

f. Commissary - Mr. O'Meara asked that customers placing special orders for meat call them in at least one day prior to pickup. Replacement of the floor in the store starts this month and may result in some inconveniences for customers.

g. PX - No report.

h. Golf Course - They will start paving cart paths in the middle of March. There will be a golf tournament on 2 Mar 2007.

i. Equestrian Center - COL Heath stated the center would be holding the Spring Horse Trail on 3-4 Mar 2007. The opening ceremony is Sunday at 0800.

j. Outdoor Recreation - There will be a youth hunt on 10 Mar 2007. Outdoor Recreation will hold a Panfish/Catfish Tournament at Lake Tholocco 31 Mar 2007.

k. Bowling Alley - Nothing to report.

l. RAD - No report.

6. Advisors Comments -

a. Mr. Moore stated the Army has a new "Army Retired" Pin and retirees should be receiving them in the mail. He requested a representative from Defense Finance and Accounting Service attend the 2007 RAD.

b. Mr. Steuber informed the council that Mrs. Seimer had been hired as Director of Human Resource and two new ATSCOM units will be activated on Fort Rucker.

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c. COL Larese stated SERE training areas will be closed to hunting, even if there is no training being conducted.

d. COL Kaminski stated that TRICARE was still pushing for an increase in premiums for TRICARE Prime. He also discussed the VA moving its Dothan clinic to LAHC which would result in cost savings for the VA and an improvement to LAHC.

e. Mr. Laster said the Army is holding an Army-wide "Texas Hold'em" tournament on 24 Mar 2007. The 19th Annual Travel Extravaganza will be held 1100-1400, 19 Mar at the Aviators' Landing.

7. New Business - The Council agreed to invite Mr. William H. Thresher, Chief of Staff of US Army Medical Command to be the guest speaker for the 2007 RAD.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1240. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators Landing on 5 April at 1130.

Approved via email

BOB BUNTING

COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

Approved via email

CHARLES E. FRYE

CSM, Retired

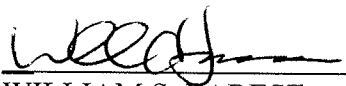
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BILL JOLLEY

CSM, Retired

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